

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2010-154-C and 2010-155-C - ORDER NO. 2010-348

MAY 4, 2010

IN RE: Docket No. 2010-154-C – Petition for)	ORDER APPOINTING
Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement)	HEARING OFFICER
between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)	
d/b/a AT&T South Carolina and Sprint)	
Spectrum L.P., Nextel South Corp. and)	
NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners)	
(collectively, “Sprint CMRS”))	
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and)	
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Docket No. 2010-155-C – Petition for)	
Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement)	
between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)	
d/b/a AT&T South Carolina and Sprint)	
Communications Company, L.P. (“Sprint)	
CLEC”))	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Commission’s Motion to appoint B. Randall Dong, Esquire, to serve as a hearing officer in the present dockets regarding BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina, Inc.’s (“AT&T South Carolina”) petitions for arbitration of an interconnection agreement between AT&T South Carolina and Sprint Spectrum L.P., Nextel South Corp. and NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners (collectively, “Sprint CMRS”) and of an interconnection agreement between AT&T South Carolina and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (“Sprint CLEC”). This

appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2009).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years' practice experience.

We find that B. Randall Dong meets these qualifications, and we therefore grant the Motion appointing him as hearing officer in these cases. As hearing officer in these proceedings, we direct Mr. Dong to rule on appropriate matters in the cases and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for these proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. B. Randall Dong, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket Nos. 2010-154-C and 2010-155-C, regarding the petitions of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina for arbitration of interconnection agreements between AT&T South Carolina and Sprint CMRS and between AT&T South Carolina and Sprint CLEC, for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters for these proceedings.

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2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman
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